

Term 4 2018 Calendar

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| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | Last day swimming Junior School | Battle of the Bands | | Family Merit 2pm start | |
| 5 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| | | | | Proposed Teachers Strike Day | |
| 6 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 7 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| BOT Meeting | | | Aotea College Orientation Day | School Disco | |
| 8 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | Regional Athletics | | | Helpers Thank You Lunch Family Merit 2pm start | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | 2019 Class Placement Letters go home | Middle Block with 2019 teacher | Year 8 Leavers Dinner and Prize Giving | Last day 2018 Leavers Assembly starts 11:45am School closes at 1pm | |

School Wide Art Project: We will be embarking on a school-wide art project in 2019. We will be creating a large mural for our school, using bottle top lids. Given the amount we will need, we better start collecting now! Please save all plastic bottle top lids of every size and colour. As you collect a bag full, send it along to school (preferably washed). This art project follows the Sustainability Inquiry we are currently exploring: Recycling, Reusing and involving our community to beautify our school.

Postgate Uniform for Sale: Hardly used: 1 x Shirt 28" chest age 9-10 \$15. 2 x shirts X-Small, 36" chest, \$15 each. 1 x Hoody small 38" chest \$40. Txt or ph 027-706-5237.



Postgate School Newsletter Term 4: Week 4 2018

"When one side of a story is heard and often repeated, the human mind becomes impressed with it insensibly."

- George Washington

Mission Statement

To Create Life-Long Learners

Supporting statement:

We will promote life-long learning in our children by developing their social, intellectual, emotional and physical skills in a creative and caring environment.



**"Ma te mahi ngatahi,
ka tu pakari te matauranga"
"Together, We Learn and Achieve"**

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Kia ora whanau

Postgate Staffing News: With 2019 quickly rolling in, this is the latest news we have around staffing for 2019.

Postgate Goodbye: Jessica Baddiley has resigned to take up a job at St Teresa's School in Featherston.

Kayne Leighton has been granted a year's leave and Rosie Barr will be with us for Term 1 before going on Maternity Leave; very exciting.

Postgate Hello: We welcome Nicole Mitchell, Christina Dodds and Samantha Rutherford to Postgate for the start of the 2019 school.

Nicole and Christina live locally and Samantha joins us from the Deep South.

Postgate Teaching Teams for 2019: The first name is the team leader for that syndicate.

Year 7/8: Cecilia Kennar, Dave Preston, Nicole Mitchell

Year 4-6: Alex Duff, Samantha Rutherford, Asmita Rama, Cheryl Moeau, Michelle Dundon-Smith

Year 2/3: Chris Shaw, Karen Ataera, Diana Puati

Year 1: Hayley Walters, Heather Browne, Christina Dodds

Congratulations to Asmita Rama, who has been promoted to the Assistant Principal's role at Postgate.

Walkathon: Wow! Wow! Wow! Could it have been planned any better? Dave Preston, take a bow for organising the weather and the Walkathon.

Already the money is coming in quick and in large amounts! As of Friday afternoon, the school-wide total sat at \$7,700 and only a third of the cards have been returned. Please ensure your child's card and money is returned ASAP.

Battle of the Bands: Our school band is off to the Regional Battle of the Bands this Wednesday. A huge massive thanks to Vai Ioane and Wini Baxter, both ex-Postgate parents, for all their time, energy, passion and dedication with the band. Special thanks to Louise Ioane for all her organisation behind the scenes. We were fortunate enough to hear the band play at Friday's assembly; they were very impressive!

Family Merit Assembly: Our second to last Merit Assembly for the year is this Friday with a start time of 2pm.

Endeavour and Exploration Swimming: This is the last week for Junior Swimming.

Health Consultation Survey. Response from Your BOT: Thank you to all those that responded to our Health Consultation Questionnaire. Fantastic to see so many of our Postgate families engaged and providing feedback and support to keep us delivering the best possible environment for our children. Two years ago we had two families reply, this year we had 80. Postgate PRIDE!

There was some great feedback, with an overall theme that Postgate is doing many things well and to continue to keep doing the great work that we are doing. We were happy to see many people speaking about Postgate PRIDE; our school values system.

The main area to focus on moving forward was on Mental Health and Self-Awareness of our children. This is something we as a Board have started to focus on and will continue to do so.

One respondent spoke of Te Whare Tapa Wha and Fonofale as models of holistic life views; a peaceful mind and soul, healthy body, having family and friends around you. Was this person you? Do you have knowledge of these models? We would love to learn more as a Board and as a school. If this is you could you, please make contact with Adam.

Early Reading Together Programme: The Year 1 teachers are running another Early Reading Together programme during Weeks 6, 7 and 8 of this term. Please see Jess if you are interested. We are looking for a day and time that suits everyone the best.

SunSmart Policy: Please remember, No Hat, No Play

Strike Action: As you may already be aware, proposed strike action is planned for Friday 16th November. We are hopeful a deal will be settled before then, however, please mark this date in your calendar. If the strike proceeds, Postgate will be closed on the 16th.

Engineer Needed: We have been let down by two companies so maybe you have a contact for us? We need an engineer to help with the framing for our waharoa. With the Health and Safety red tape now, we have to ensure we have a safe, well design structure to hold it in place versus an "Adam Design", which the Big Bad Wolf would blow over!

Prayer Group: Our Prayer Group now meet on a MONDAY morning at 8:50am. This is a great opportunity to ground your plane with other members of our school community.

Maururu kotahi ano koutou mo to koutoa tautoko o Postgate School: Thank you once again for your support of Postgate School.